

# The Sydney Morning Herald.

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**SUMMARY.**

Sir Edward Grey, at Scarborough, acknowledged the generous support the Opposition gave to the Government's foreign policy.

He referred to the fact that during the recent crisis no speakers in the Reichstag indicated hostility towards England.

Great Britain, he said, "must maintain a navy stronger than any probable combination against her."

"There is no half-way house," he declared, "between complete safety and absolute ruin."

Prince Bülow has introduced a bill to raise £2,000,000 additional taxation.

His defensive increase in the navy owing to Germany's rapid economic expansion.

There was no imminent danger of war, he said. If affairs were conducted calmly at home and abroad,

The Government intend to introduce a new budget bill, embodying the compromise with the American Church.

Lord Minto told the talkers that he did not think the time was opportune for the introduction of a bill for political changes.

It was explained that the Government was not prepared for increases to personal safety and public security.

The Government, he said, would not hesitate to force special weapons to defend the evil under which we labour—warfare.

It is understood at Telberg that the Shah refused to renew the Constitution.

He is supposed to be relying on artificial demagogics and the support of the clergy.

Mr. Balfour, at Cardiff, ridiculed the iniquitous appetite of the Government for legislation.

We thought the House of Lords was quite safe despite the vituperative rhetoric of Mr. Grey.

Mr. Balfour declared that fiscal reform was no remedy if all our forces were driven to such a state of change.

The conference of Conservative and Constitutional Associations unanimously endorsed Mr. Balfour's Birmingham policy.

At the Federation Association smoke concert last night Senator Nield and Mr. E. Bowden, M.P., advocated federal borrowing.

The latter said that as a reaction from state extravagance they had made a fetish of non-national taxation.

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An investigation will be held on Wednesday before the Court of Marine Inquiry at Melbourne.

The Minister stated that it is not proposed to put the Bogong State Railways Railway bond to Tullamarine at present.

The Auckland brewers estimate that their losses as a result of the local option poll will exceed \$30,000.

The revenue required to make the Sydney Motorists' telephone line is £75,000 per week.

During the first completed year the average weekly revenue has been £67,444.1d.

In the last five months, however, the average weekly revenue has been £71,000.

The remaining expenses in connection with the rock-bottom propositions were withdrawn in the Industrial Court yesterday.

The death was announced yesterday of Mr. S. M. Howie, who retired from the position of manager of the Potts of Hallstatt.

The conference of Broken Hill mining companies on the L.M.S.'s proposals has resulted in a split in the committee.

The representative of the Zinc Corporation and the South Block Company is intended to withdraw from the conference.

The Proprietary Company, "by reason of its varied interests," has definitely announced its withdrawal.

The labour leaders at Broken Hill exchanged themselves as "staggered" when they heard the news of the miners' strike.

Alcock and Wright (U.S.A.) defeated Bruce and Everett (Vic.) for the championship of Victoria yesterday by 24 games to 21.

Sir John Quick indicated yesterday why the former Opposition stood apart from Mr. Bruce in his support of the miners.

He said if Mr. Keenan had shown a inclination to form an anti-socialist combination he would have had considerable support.

Mr. P. Whiston, chief clerk in the Commonwealth Audit Office, gave further evidence before the Royal Commission yesterday.

He advised the appointment of a strong financial expert to supervise the financial branch of the service.

Mrs. Mary Poal is claiming £1000 in the Melbourne County Court for the death of her son in the Boer War.

In Victoria the death-rate is falling. During 1907 it was the lowest yet recorded for the State, being 11.6 per 1000.

The infant death-rate was only 7.6, one of the lowest, says an official report, if not the lowest, in the world.

Grasshoppers are reported to be doing severe damage in the Deloraine district.

The Victorian Minister for Agriculture has received a cable stating that the crop of oats is short this year.

There are prospects of a good season at Tambo for good well-coloured Australian fruit.

The South Australian Legislative Assembly met on Thursday evening.

A halibut rope with a stone weighing about 100 lbs attached to one end was tied round the waist.

Mr. Russell Brown, Inspector of Schools, reported a fire at a school in Elm Plains, Goulburn, yesterday.

The Rev. Priest Galliard Smith, M.A., died at Queensland on Wednesday, aged 82 years.

The signal-master at Cape Hawke wired to Sydney yesterday that the tug Marion May had run aground on the Barter crossing.

The steamer Queen of Victoria for the total amount of £22,743 was in excess from personal exertion.

Edward Greenway, 12, was struck by lightning during a storm near Terentiel, and killed instantly.

The Military Board yesterday adopted the new scheme in regard to the training of recruits.

Recruit is to be given to the proposals under the scheme as opportunity occurs.

Jane Kelly, 23, was killed by a fall of earth in the Chemey mine, Colar, on Thursday.

Great conformation prevails at the successions of mining fatalities in this district.

The Barrier Labour Federation is instituting a national campaign to secure consolidation of all branches with the federation.

Frederick Kastor, financier agent, died yesterday from injuries received by being knocked down by a tram on October 2.

Business was very quiet in regard to all forms of mining shares yesterday.

A fair amount of business was, however, transacted in investment stocks.

Present clouds are generally and unsettled generally, with scattered rain associated with thunder, more especially in the north-east, and generally to south-easterly winds.

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## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

WARRICK FARM RACERS  
TO-DAY, SATURDAY.

SPECIAL TRAINS will leave Sydney for Warwick Farm Races, as under:

11.30 a.m., First and Second Class Passengers.  
12.17 p.m., stops at Strathfield and Granville.  
12.50 p.m., stops at Granville.  
1.25 p.m., stops at Strathfield and Granville.  
1.30 p.m., stops at Granville.

The 0.35 a.m., also 1.30 and 2.35 p.m. Trains from Sydney will set down Passengers at Warwick Farm if required.

RETURN FARES from Sydney to Warwick Farm (see Route Plan): First-class, 4d; Second-class, 3d.

Ordinary and Season Tickets will not be available by Special Train.

BERRY SHOW, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, DAY, AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 25, 26, and 27, 1908.

CHIEF TICKETS at the Fairs indicated hereunder (including 2d-class and 3d-class) will be issued to BERRY by the train shown, available for return until SATURDAY, November 28, 1908, viz.:-

\*At Sydney, and intermediate stations, by 8.30 a.m. Ordinary Train from Sydney.

\*At Kiana and intermediate stations, by Ordinary Train leaving Kiana at 8.30 a.m.

\*At Nowera by Ordinary Train leaving that station at 8.45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 26.

\*From Sydney and intermediate stations by Special Train leaving Friday at 7.30 a.m.

\*At Sydney, Pac. Moon, and Intermediate Stations by Ordinary Train leaving Sydney at 8.30 a.m.

\*At Kiana and intermediate stations, by Ordinary Train leaving Kiana at 8.30 a.m.

\*At Nowera by Special Train leaving that station at 8.45 a.m.

FARES: \*For trains marked (thus \*) will be at the rate of Single Fares and for those marked (thus \*\*) will be at Single Fares for double journey.

Handbills giving full particulars obtainable from Stationmasters.

SPECIAL CHAP EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

A SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Sydney for MELBOURNE at 4.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, calling at the principal stations en route, and be due at Melbourne at 10.30 p.m. next day.

FARES: Two-class, 10/-; Third-class, 5/-.

The Return Tickets will be available for return within one calendar month from date of issue, BUT NOT BY THE MELBOURNE EXPRESS.

By arrangement with Special Excursion Train, which will leave Melbourne at 10.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1908; due Sydney at 7.30 p.m. next day.

Chap tickets to Melbourne will also be issued from our Western Stations and the Bells of Mayfair, and further particulars obtainable from Stationmasters.

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H. McLACHLAN, Secretary,

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A Half-hourly Service will be run on SATURDAYS and WEDNESDAYS. The time-table will be as shown below:-

SATURDAY.

After 12.30 p.m. the service will be as follows:-

FROM KOGARAH—12.30, 1.15, 2.10, 2.35, 3.45, 4.30, 5.15, 6.20, 6.35, 6.50, 7.30, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 10.15, 10.30, 11.15, 11.30, 12.15, 12.30.

FROM RANDHINHAM—12.30, 1.20, 1.40, 2.10, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, 6.50, 7.30, 7.50, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, 12.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

\* After 1.30 p.m. the service will be as follows:-

FROM KOGARAH—1.20, 2.00, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, 6.50, 7.30, 7.50, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, 12.00 p.m.

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By order.

H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

New South Wales Government Railways, Office of the Chief Commissioner, 1908.

THE TICKETS will be received at 10.30 a.m. until noon on the dates specified for the undermentioned Works, except:-

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## NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker took the chair yesterday afternoon at half-past 4.

FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE.

The PREMIER in reply to Mr. Bell said he had not received any official communication from the Prime Minister with reference to the proposed Capital site, but the Federal Attorney-General had during the day called upon him, and the question was discussed in an informal way.

A BILL for the better construction of a line of railway from Cooma to Bombala, via Nimmitabel, which was sanctioned by the Legislative Assembly last year, but rejected by the Legislative Council, was again submitted to the Assembly yesterday.

THE COOMA-BOMBALA RAILWAY.

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THE CHURCHES.

On Sunday afternoon the Archbishop of Sydney will be at the Cathedral, and the occasion will be rather unique one, that of the "National Warfares" Service. About 750 sailors will occupy the nave of the cathedral, and 250 men from the Naval Brigade, whose band will attend, and will lead a procession to the western door of the Cathedral.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Moran, who has been engaged by the leaders of English Jewry (says the "Hebrew Standard"). His lecture has been given to London, and his itinerary goes as far as Kurri and Coonack.

Cardenal Moran will lay the foundation-stone of the new church for the Synagogue district at Wairata-morrow.

A serious question regarding Jews in all portions of the world is engaging the urgent attention of the leaders of English Jewry (says the "Hebrew Standard"). His lecture has been given to London, and his itinerary goes as far as Kurri and Coonack.

The Private (Dr. Raumer Smith) held his annual confirmation at St. John's, Parramatta, on Wednesday evening. Eighty-eight candidates were confirmed, including many from St. Mark's, Granville.

The Anglican Church Society is making a special appeal for the Home Mission. It is hoped that the society will be able to raise £10,000, and more than that is pledged; the bank overdraft now stands at £447; the income is less by £2455 than in 1887, when it was possible to point to £1000 as the amount of the intercessions of Rabbinical Law. There is no money available for the maintenance of the church, and the funds have been used up until there were facilities for getting the timber away. One powerful motive which led to the rejection of the bill in the Legislative Council last year was the fear that if the line were sanctioned it would mean location of the capital city.

The site question was, however, now practically settled, and he believed the present Government would go ahead in bringing it to the assent of the people.

The line would make accessible timber country, and the timber would be tapped until the strength that lies in unity. From the time of the squatters and the diggers have come the establishment of "opposition" congregations in the United Kingdom, and it is only natural that such disrupted congregations should be more numerous.

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THE COOMA-BOMBALA RAILWAY.

A BILL for the better construction of a line of railway from Cooma to Bombala was read the second time and passed through committee. A report of the debate appears in another portion of this issue.

SYDNEY CONVENT (LAND TAX) BILL.

The House went into committee to consider the expediency of bringing in the bill.

Mr. MCGOWEN took the point that as the message from the Governor did not give authority to establish milk depots it would be necessary to amend the bill.

The bill provides that the character in the bill, and the motion was therefore out of order.

The PREMIER moved the Chairman out of the chair (Chairman of "Post of order"). He had said that what was done was that the bill was of no value. It was absolutely patric.

Mr. LEVY said the point of order was not a good one. There was no doubt that the bill was of no value.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fitzpatrick) overruled the point of order.

Mr. MCGOWEN took the Chairman out of the chair, in order to appeal to the Speaker on the point of order.

After discussion the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Condon) moved that the bill be referred to the exact words of the Governor's message, and that any amendment could be made so long as anything contained in the message was not thereby held to be irrelevant.

The House adjourned.

The Acting Chairman was correct.

The House went into committee again, and the Premier moved the motion. He said the three main features of the bill were to empower the City Council, to confer upon the City Councils the power, which it lost last year, to levy taxes on the unimproved value of land; and to provide in a more effective manner for the protection of native Indians.

The Indian question was past explaining. In fact that the Indians were regarded with love and respect.

Memorial services were held in St. Thomas Church, Balmain, for the late Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, on Sunday last, both morning and evening. The services were well attended, and those present at the council meeting, which included several ladies, were deeply interested in the welfare of the Indians.

The English community extended to the natives the sympathy of the English, and the gathering was held in the various towns visited.

At Hay and Wagga Wagga the large parish halls were taxed to their utmost capacity with larger numbers than usual, in order to welcome home one of its vice-presidents, Mr. W. E. Tose, who had just returned from London, and also a delegate from the church to the Pan-Anglican Conference.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. Mr. T. H. Midday.

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## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SPEECH BY SIR E. GREY.

## SOLIDITY OF BRITAIN.

## LESSONS IN NAVAL SUPREMACY.

LONDON, Nov. 20.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, speaking at Scarborough last night, acknowledged the generous support which the leaders of the Opposition had given the foreign policy of the Government. "This has enabled us," he said, "to create abroad an impression of stability and solidity which is very valuable."

Sir Edward Grey noted that the differences between Germany and France regarding a trivial incident in Morocco had been settled in a way consistent with the dignity of both Powers.

Referring to the crisis in Germany, Sir Edward Grey pointed to the fact that though the speakers in the Reichstag spoke their minds with exceeding freedom, none had indicated hostility towards Great Britain or any other country.

Until recently, Sir Edward Grey said, the Powers had despaired of Turkey, yet the most wonderful and beneficent change seen in history had now occurred there, and the good forces lying latent had suddenly gained the upper hand. It emphasized the fact that the Turkish reformers had the army at their back.

"Great Britain," the Foreign Secretary continued, "must have and must maintain a say able to overcome any probable combination able to be brought against her. There is no half-way house between complete safety and complete ruin."

Referring to the Near East, Sir Edward Grey said he trusted that the Conference of the Powers would dispose of the difficulties there; "but," he continued, "you cannot force a conference and have a satisfactory result."

Sir Edward Grey admitted that progress had been slow, but now it was desirable that time should not be wasted. Some progress had been made this week, because Turkey was assured of fair play in the Councils of Europe. Further difficulties remained to be overcome, but the winter, which was unfavourable to action in the Balkans, would be favourable to coun-

## GERMAN TAXATION.

## £25,000,000 ADDITIONAL

## REASON OF NAVAL INCREASE.

LONDON, Nov. 20.

Prince Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor, introduced into the Reichstag yesterday a bill to raise £25,000,000 by additional taxation. He defended the increase in the navy owing to Germany's rapid economic expansion.

Prince Bulow said he believed that British mistrust and antagonism were not unanswerable. There was no imminent danger of war if coolness and calmness in the conduct of affairs were displayed at home and abroad.

Prince Bulow, Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, contended that Germany was well able to bear the proposed increase in taxes on beer, spirits, and tobacco, which the bill proposed, and which were all much lower than similar taxes in Great Britain.

## STATE-OWNED CABLE.

## CANADIAN NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, Nov. 20.

Gentle satisfaction is expressed at Ottawa at the published statement that Mr. E. Lemire, the Canadian Postmaster-General, is continuing with the Imperial Government with reference to a State-owned Atlantic cable, and that Australia and New Zealand may co-operate.

Canadians believe that such a cable would immediately cut rates between Great Britain and Australia to one-half and eventually much lower.

## CABLE COMPANIES.

## LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH.

LONDON, Nov. 19.

Mr. J. W. Wolffe-Barry, chairman, Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, in reply to Mr. H. H. Hartson, the Member for Westbury, who asked whether Lord Balfour of Burleigh was not connected with any cable company until 1905, which is after the date of the inter-departmental report against penny-a-word cablegrams,

## THE GRAND DUKE CYRIL.

## REINSTATEMENT IN ARMY.

LONDON, Nov. 19.

The Grand Duke Cyril, cousin of the Tsar, has been reinstated in his army rank, and as Alte-Die-Camp to the Czar.

## PERSIAN AUTOCRACY.

## CONSTITUTION REFUSED.

LONDON, Nov. 20.

It is understood at Teheran that the Shah has refused to renew the Constitution, and will rely on artificial demonstrations and the support of the clergy.

## THE "ABODE OF LOVE."

## A BISHOP TAKES ACTION.

LONDON, Nov. 19.

The Bishop of Bath is proceeding against Sir Smyth-Pigott (head of the Argentine), composed of a plow Melilla (Parliament), composed of the Earl of Minto, to meet on November 15. The Bishop, in his communication to the Constitution being against the nature of the country, accused the late Melilla of being an irresponsible ruler, and stated that the next should be a religious institution. In conclusion the report deprived Melilla of the right to join in the "abode of love." The "abode of love" had destroyed the royal force.

## THE "ABODE OF LOVE."

## IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Nov. 19.

A warm welcome is being prepared for delegates to the Imperial Press Conference, which opens on June 7. It will extend over three weeks.

Members will be enabled to inspect some great naval base, also to visit industrial shipbuilding, and university centres, and exchange views with leading statesmen and professional men, besides seeing something of English country life under distinguished auspices.

## LETTER TELEGRAMS.

## ADOPTED IN FRANCE.

LONDON, Nov. 19.

France has adopted a telegram letter regulation, which enables the sender to telegraph a message at night time at the rate of ten words for a penny for delivery as a letter next morning.

## ISLAMIC BOYCOTT.

## AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN MERCHANDISE.

LONDON, Nov. 19.

Mahomedan newspapers in Lahore urge Islamic movements in Bombay, Calcutta, and Kurnakur to boycott Austro-Hungarian merchandise.

## UNIONIST POLICY.

## SPEECH BY MR. BALFOUR.

## A VISION OF FISCAL REFORM.

LONDON, Nov. 20.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, leader of the Unionist party, addressed a meeting of 4500 people at Cardiff in connection with the annual conference of the National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations.

Mr. Balfour said that while the Government continued the traditional policy of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Salisbury in foreign affairs the Unionists would do nothing to weaken the voice of Great Britain in the councils of Europe.

In regard to national defence, Mr. Balfour said that the recent statement of Mr. Asquith suggested that the Government really intended to adhere to the traditional policy of successive Governments of a two-Power standard for the navy. Nevertheless, it was essential also to maintain an adequate military force.

Mr. Balfour ridiculed the inaptitude of the Government for legislation, and he insisted in this connection the dropping or withdrawing of three education bills in three years. Now the Government was about to introduce a fourth education bill. He deprecated attacks on the Church in Wales, which was showing its strength by a vision of fiscal reform.

The "Times" says that while meeting the grievances of Nonconformists, the Government has evolved a plan which is in no way ungenerous towards the proper demands of the denominationalists. The "Times" hopes that even Roman Catholics may accept the solution.

## DIFFERENCES STILL UNSETTLED.

## THE RIGHTS OF HEAD TEACHERS.

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## ALLEGED MURDER.

ON THE HIGH SEAS.

INCIDENT ON THE HIMALAYA.

Jaman Ales Must, an Indian drummer, was arrested at the Water Police Court yesterday before Mr. Justice King, D.M., to answer a charge that on November 1, when the steamer Himalaya, then on the high seas, he did feloniously and maliciously murder Captain N. N. Neethan.

Mr. Robinson, of the Crown Law Office, prosecuted; and Mr. L. Gammie appeared for the defence.

At the commencement, the Government interpreter, said that accused was charged through witness that he did not murder Curim Elial Himalayan.

Captain Gray, a steward on the ship, remembered the morning of November 1, when he was on duty as nightwatchman. About 11 a.m. he heard some groaning outside and the steward, stirring up the deck, saw a native on the deck with blood about his head and on him. The man was the engineer's mate boy, who was lying down on the port side. The other steward went to the deck and said to the master, "There was no one near the injured man when he saw him. With the officer witness went for the doctor, and the doctor came out and got a lamp. When he returned the doctor and fifth officer were with the injured man.

To Mr. Gammie witness said that he saw no one else on the deck except the steward. Injuries were not noticed by witness at the time; he only saw the blood. Some coloured dredgers were on the deck further astern in their working gear, and they were closer to the injured man than 30 yards.

Herbert Edwin Stoermer, ship's surgeon, stated that he was called by Gray, and had a conversation with him and the fifth officer, with whom he went to a place just outside the engine room where he found a man named Newsham lying on the floor. He was taken to the surgery and examined, and witness found certain injuries—two deep gashes from the shoulder to the waist, one of which was inflicted by some sharp instrument, which had been pushed into the inner ear. There was also a compound fracture of the right arm, which was broken on the left side. The man was treated well, but no information was got out of him. Witness saw him several times after, and found him gradually recovering. The man eventually died at 2.30 p.m. without regaining consciousness. His opinion was that the wounds were inflicted by a heavy, sharp, pointed object, and that the blow must have been heavy enough. Witness was present at an interview between the captain and accused.

Mr. Gammie said that the injury on the ear might have been self-inflicted, but the fractured skull could not have been.

At this stage the further hearing was adjourned until Wednesday next at 2.30 p.m.

## ALLEGED HOUSE-BREAKING.

## MAN AND A WOMAN CHARGED.

"A POOL TO TAKE THE GAME ON."

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Alfred Gordon alias Sinclair, aged 27, bartenders, and Miss Fraser, aged 25, married, were charged with having broken into and entered the residence of Mrs. King, of Albany-street, Newtown, on November 8, and stolen property valued at \$20.

The evidence of Mrs. King was that she was at home when her husband, Peter, left for work. She then found the back door open, and an interval door broken open. Drawers had been pulled out, and the goods strown about.

Miss Fraser, who was staying with a man and a woman coming out of the back gate. The man had a carryall basket on his head, and the woman a shopping basket.

Constable M'Alamy stated that about 1 p.m. on 11th inst. he saw the female accused in the street of Newtown. She was wearing a pink dress, and had a pink sash. Witness asked if she was a prostitute. Witness replied that it was part of some property reported to have been stolen. He had a conversation with the woman, and found that she purchased it from a man in Woolstonecraft. He said, "It is not a fact that a man purchased it from a woman." The woman subsequently admitted getting the goods from Garland to pawn, and when Constable Hobson went to the cottage where she resided, he found the door open, witness to the back door. The latter knocked, and found it had been broken. The man who was there was Mr. Lee, a pawnbroker, and he had been to the house of Mrs. King's parents.

Mr. Lee said, "Well, I am a policeman, and I have a man in custody who has been pawing about in my shop, and I will give him a chance to show to his party it is chance to show what he could do."

Mr. Taylor-Robertson, L.A., also spoke.

During the day a varied programme was presented, in which Messrs. G. F. Milburn and H. K. Horatio (monologues and lighting sketches) and the like variety entertainments. It was stated that the association comprised two-thirds of the telephone engineers, and was growing stronger.

## WHY NOT BORROW?

## SOLUTION FOR POSTAL PROBLEMS.

## MR. REID'S YOUNG DAY.

## LUNCHEON ON BOARD.

## PROSPECTS OF CANADIAN ROUTE.

## NEXT SUBSIDY IN QUESTION.

A large number was entertained by the Union S.S. Company of New Zealand at luncheon on board the new trans-Pacific liner Himalaya yesterday. Mr. F. W. Jackson, general manager of the company in Sydney, was in the chair.

Mr. Arthur Gould replied on behalf of the Senate. He said that as far as the naval subsidy was concerned it had not dealt with Australia.

Captain Napier, R.N., replied for the navy. Mr. Neil, reporting for the coast guard, said that some persons were trying to substitute for adult defence defence by legal infants.

Mr. Reid, of the Federal and State Parliaments, proposed "The Federal and Army," referred to the naval subsidy paid by Australia.

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**MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.**

**STOCKS AND SHARES.**

A good volume of business was effected on "Shares" yesterday at full rates. City Bank of Sydney rose 1/4. Newcastle Steam & North Shore Gas & Marcus Clark, preferred, N. and Paul and Gray 1/4, other sales being at low rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morgan, Permanent, Trustee, 4/10; Australian Newsman, 21/10; "Daily Telegraph" News paper, 6/10; Commercial Banking Company, 6/10; Newcastle and Hunter River Steam, 6/10; City Bank of Sydney, 6/10; Allerton, North Shore Gas, 6/10; N.W. Power Co., 6/10; Treasury Bills, due 1911, 6/10; H.W. & Co., 6/10; C.R. Co., 6/10; Marcus Clark, preferred, 21/10; Toobey's Limited, 6/10; Paul and Gray, 2/10; Queensland National Power, 6/10.

Gearing quotations were:—

**GENERAL MUTUAL FIRE.**

The chief figures of the balance-sheet of the above company have already been published.

The annual meeting was held in Melbourne on November 18, and the following points of importance were raised.

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**SPOILS TO THE VICTORS.**

It is true that the objectives of the American Civil Service to be held on a political tenure is being introduced into Australia under the Federal regime. The allegations of the Customs-house have found since the change in administration that they are unable to go on, it is unlikely that this price can be much longer maintained, as it is offering, and for January 3/10 to 3/11. Very little, however, was being bought.

The reason given for turning them out is that there is not sufficient work to go round, but it is also said that at the same time the cost of living has increased so much that it is to be sincerely hoped that the story is ill-founded, or that the obvious assumption is based on facts coincident. It would be a sorry farce if either of these coincident. The Civil Service became the spoils of the victors.

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A purchase of 200 quarters of South Australian wheat was made at 2/10 per cent. for delivery next month.

Flour was quiet at the advanced price of 25/10 and 26/10. The price moved enough marginally, but a little business was done by steamer and tonnage inquiry was being made on board steamer during the week.

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